

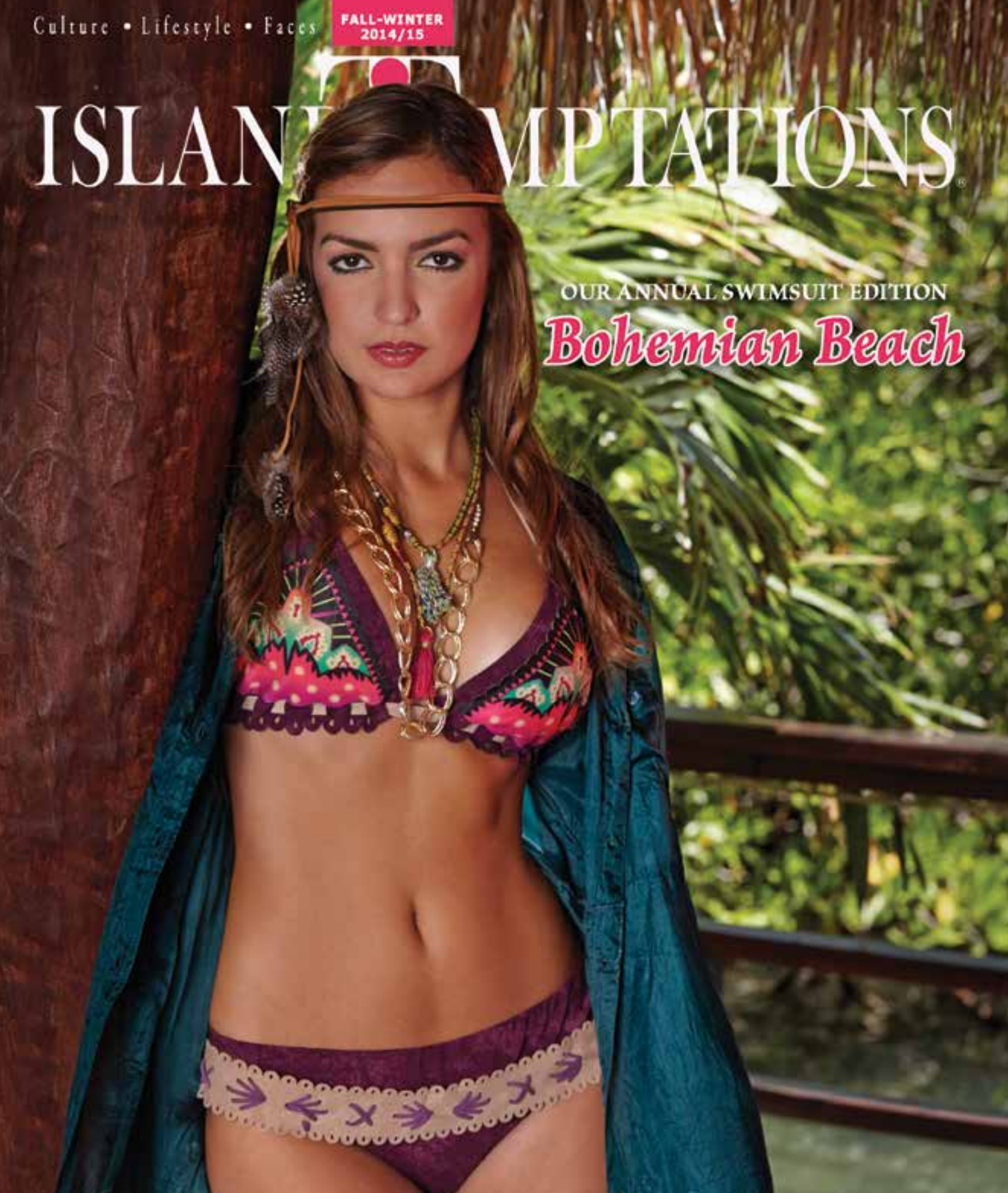
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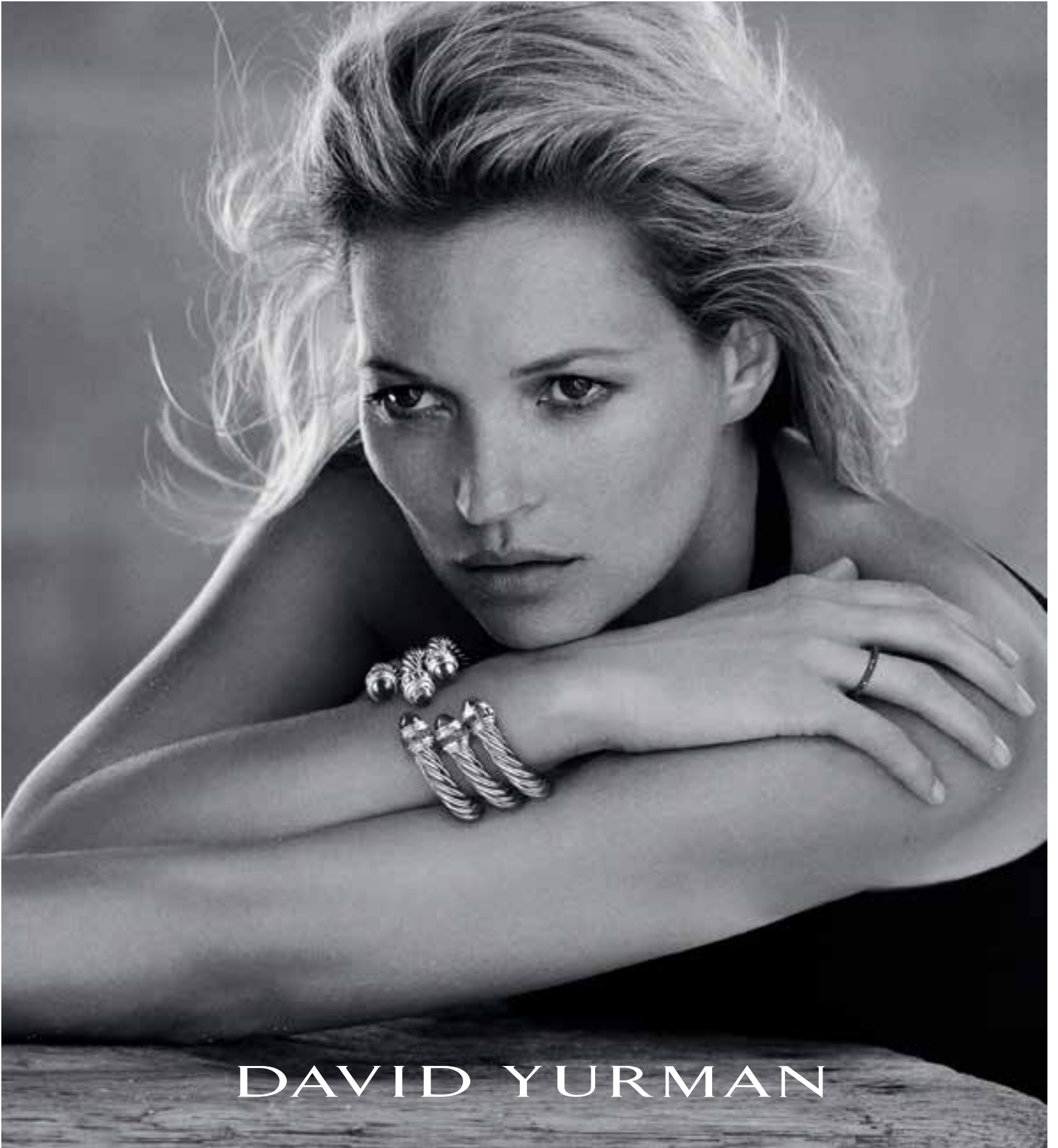
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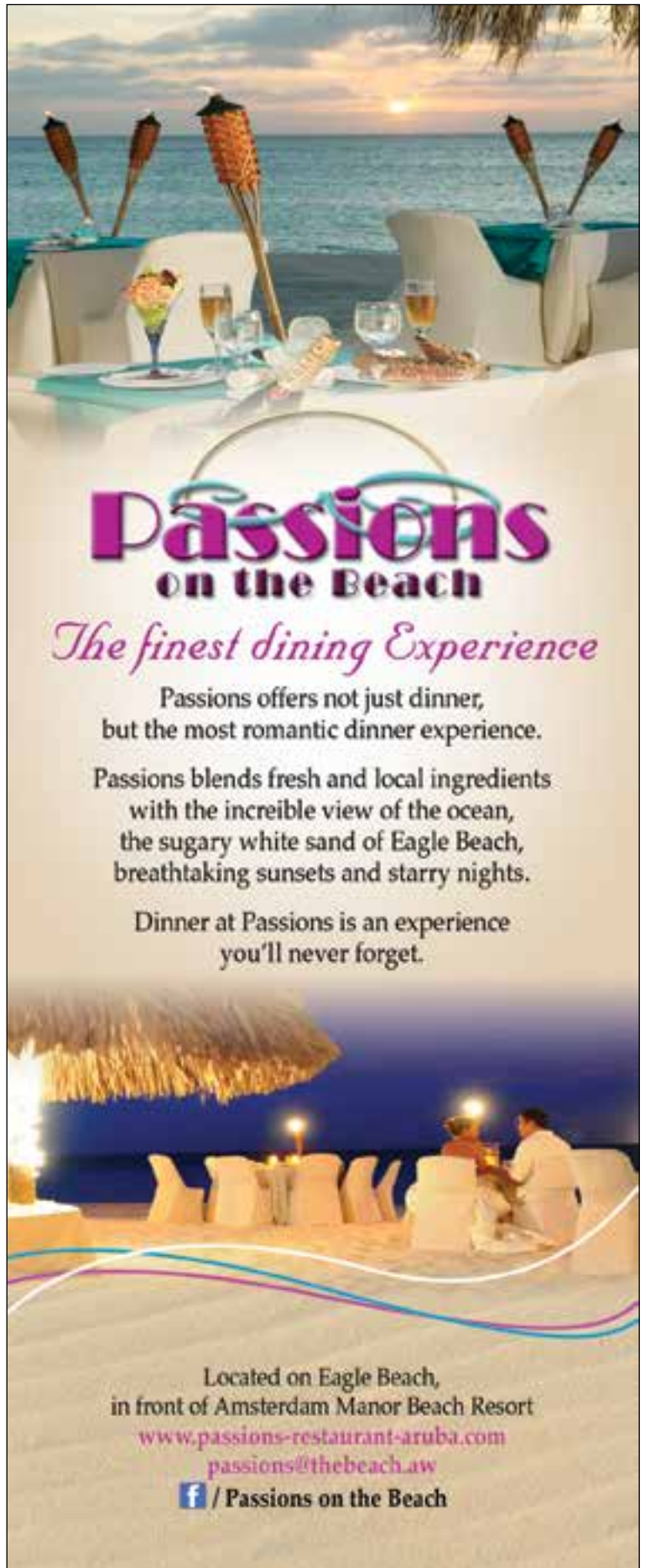


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Oct. 27-Nov. 2 • Aruba International Bike Week

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December 6 & 7 • Aruba Craft Hands

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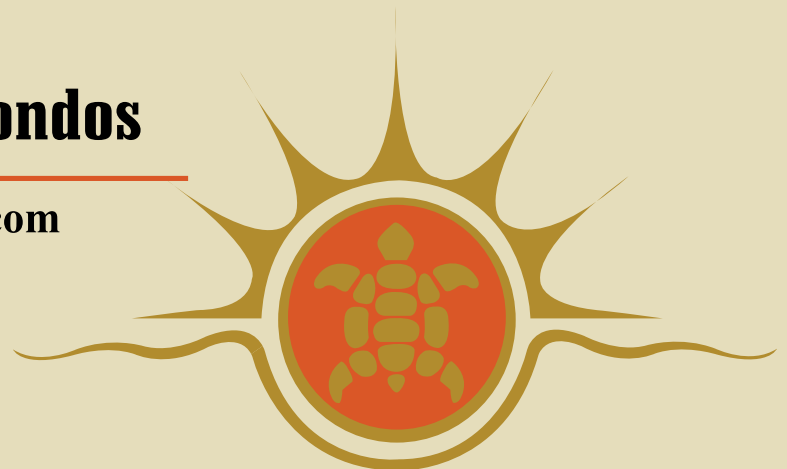
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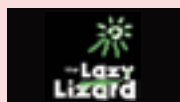
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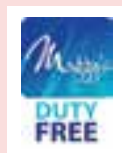
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Once a youth athlete myself, I understand the great benefits of youth sports: they promote teamwork, build confidence, forge friendships, and of course, provide exercise and fun. When youth athletes are competing at the top of their game, they're also afforded the chance to take their skills to international competitions, where they're matched up against the best in the world.

Aruba's youth athletes are no exception. This tiny island has turned out an impressive bunch of athletes who have made names for themselves on the international stage. There are also plenty more in the making. We at IT decided to take a look at some of the youth athletic programs on the island that are preparing local youths to reach the top echelon of their sport. Of the three programs I reviewed, one has been around for some time, while the other two are still quite young, but they all have one thing in common: the combination of ingredients needed to take local kids to the next level, where they can represent Aruba on the international playing field, and maybe even bring home the prize.





Eagle Bowling Club Aruba

Youth bowling is alive and well on Aruba. I saw for myself on a Saturday afternoon in July at Eagle Bowling Palace in Bubali—pretty much every lane was taken over by members of the Eaglet Bowling Club Aruba. Off to the right, members of the club's kids school were practicing their form under the watchful eye of Rita Lopez-Henriquez, who has coached the school for 20 years. Most of these kids have high hopes of someday being chosen for the national selection. When that happens, they'll join the bowlers throwing strike after spare after strike at the lanes farther off to the left.

Led by Rita and three other coaches, Aruba's national team currently consists of 14 members. As part of the Aruba Bowling Association, the team competes against four other federations in the region. The adult selection competes about five times per year, and the youth selection, two to three.

These competitions are taking the players all over the region. At age 15, national team member Renald Thiel has already been to Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, Chile, and Panama to compete. Some have traveled quite a bit farther. Thashaina Seraus (23), who has been on the national team since 2005 and has enjoyed elite-athlete status since 2011, has reached a level of play that has taken her all the way to Russia...twice. It was her second time there, in 2013, that she placed sixth at the AMF World Championship, way overreaching her own hopes of making it into the top 24. We're certain her list of successes will only continue: this year she earned a full scholarship to Maryland Eastern Shore, one of the best bowling schools in America.

Aruba's youth bowling program clearly turns out world-class athletes, but what impressed me even more was the level of maturity, self-assuredness, and calm composure of these bowlers. At age 14, Jair Kelly is the youngest on the team, but he's already giving interviews like a 20-year-old. Thashaina certainly seems wise beyond her years. She points out that bowling has helped to





develop her mental toughness. This makes sense, as bowling is a sport that requires this characteristic. To help her navigate the emotional challenges of the sport, Thashaina looks to her “emotional mentor,” Aldrick Maduro, who also serves as her personal trainer (and the personal trainer of most of Aruba’s top-notch youth athletes).

In the past, Aldrick only trained the club’s elite-status bowlers; this year he is also training other members of the adult and youth selections. And for the second year in a row, a coach from the U.S. is joining the national team’s coaching staff to help raise the team’s level of play. The program is clearly on the up and up, and the stakes are higher now too. Rita points out that in the past, the bowlers were mostly competing for medals. Now they have the opportunity to earn a scholarship, just as Thashaina has done, and we think a few of them are certainly headed in that direction.



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Aruba is undoubtedly a key player in the world of windsurfing. A windsurfing hot spot, it has hosted Aruba Hi-Winds, an international windsurfing and kiteboarding competition, for almost 30 years, and it's churned out a handful of windsurfing greats, including six-time PWA freestyle world champion Sarah-Quita Offringa. But while Aruba is no stranger to the sport of windsurfing in general, it's never set foot into the world of Olympic-class windsurfing... until now.

Meet the Techno & RS:X Aruba team. Its nine members have already made names for themselves both in Aruba and abroad in freestyle and slalom windsurfing, and now they're looking to do the same in Techno 293 and RS:X windsurfing. Whereas freestyle is characterized by impressive stunts and slalom is basically high-speed racing, Techno and RS:X are course-racing disciplines. RS:X is the windsurfing discipline used in the Olympics, and Techno (strictly under 17) is the "feeder" class for RS:X.

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Steven Max (16), who has been windsurfing since he was eight years old, started dabbling in Techno about three years ago. He recalls how at first, his windsurfing peers looked on in bewilderment as he tackled this style they had never seen before. Then, one year ago, the others joined in. Steven explains that Techno and RS:X require a lot more strategy and calculation than freestyle and slalom in order to navigate around a series of buoys. They also require lighter winds, giving the boys the opportunity to get out on the water and windsurf even when the winds are too light for freestyle and slalom.

Although the team was only formed about a year ago, several members have already represented the team at various competitions throughout the region, including the 2013 Open Orange Bowl in Florida, the 2013 South American Youth Games in Peru (with Mack van den Eerenbeemt bringing home bronze), and the 2014 U.S. Techno Nationals in Florida (with Mack and Steven placing in the top three overall). A huge success was achieved at the 2014 North American Windsurf Championships in Mexico when a selection of the team, including Steven, Mack, and Ethan Westera, qualified Aruba for the 2014 Summer Youth Olympics in China.

Mack was chosen to represent Aruba in China this past August, where he placed 14th overall in Techno. He reports that the experience was amazing—so many different cultures were represented at the Youth Olympics, and lots of new friends were made. For Mack, the competition was also a big motivation to step over into RS:X.

As the team looks forward, it realizes that in order to really progress in the sport, it has to supplement its training in Aruba with training in places where winds are more suitable (lighter) for Techno and RS:X. That's why the team has plans to travel to Florida for special training and events. The RS:X Youth World Championships are coming up in Florida this October, and the team plans to go a week early to adjust to the lighter winds there. In addition to training on the water, several members of the team are also working with personal trainer Aldrick Maduro to build the strength needed to pump the sail in light winds.

Given that RS:X is an Olympic class of windsurfing, it shouldn't be surprising that all the boys have their sights set on the Olympics. The next Summer Olympics is in 2016 in Rio, but the team is young, so realistically they'll be ready for 2020. Their goal is to put Aruba on the map, and it seems quite plausible. As Mack points out, this year they developed something really nice, and now it's all coming together.

Caribbean Beach Tennis School

First introduced to the island about 14 years ago, beach tennis has exploded on Aruba over recent years. Monthly tournaments are packed, and in just a short period of time, the Divi Aruba International Beach Tennis Tournament has become one of the most popular beach tennis competitions in the world.

As the island's adult league attracts more players each year, so does the youth league, which is now up to about 100 players. In the past, most of the kids developed their skills by playing in the league and in tournaments, with only some taking extra lessons from several instructors on the island. What was lacking was a well-organized training program to really give these kids the support they needed to take their game to the next level. That changed in November 2013, when beach tennis pro Maria Buuts opened the Caribbean Beach Tennis School (CBTS).






Currently ranked 15th in the world, Maria has over five years of experience playing in the pro tour and teaching. Aruba's beach tennis kids sure got lucky! Their training digs are nothing to scoff at either—the Tropicana Beach Tennis Club just opened in September 2013 with ten lighted beach tennis courts.



Already, in just a little under a year, the school is huge, with some 80 kids taking lessons. The program is flexible, allowing players to take between one and three lessons a week, either group or private. Students train in three different categories: beginner/intermediate, advanced, and teenagers. Maria is even training kids as young as three! Her main goal when working with her students is to develop their skills in four specific areas: technique, tactics, mental toughness, and physical condition. And of course, she wants them to have fun, which the kids certainly seem to be having. After all, what's not to love about playing under the sun in your bare feet in the sand?

In addition to training at CBTS, the kids play in youth league competitions every Thursday and singles competitions every Monday at Tropicana. They also play in monthly tournaments at Eagle Beach, as well as the Divi Aruba International Beach Tennis Tournament every November. This regimen of matches backed by training from CBTS is exactly what is needed to prepare this next generation of beach tennis players to make their way into the top tier of the sport. The hope is that in a few years, Aruba will be known not only as a cool venue for the sport, but also for having some of the best players in the world. 





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In the midst of an ever-advancing and fast-paced world (one where my mother is the one teaching me how to take a “selfie”), the new trends and technologies are flying by before we can even catch on. That is why it is extremely refreshing to find history revisited here in Aruba. There are a few bartenders who are bringing their craft and our cocktails back to their roots. These bartenders are taking bartending back to what it once was, a profession, one that you take the time to study, research, and prepare for on a daily basis, rather than just drink-slinging your way through your college bills (guilty!). They are bringing back the basics of a properly balanced drink, the way the first “liquid chefs” created Manhattans and Old Fashioneds, by understanding the spirits and how best to present them to our palates.

Erick Bustamante is one such bartender. With ten years of tending bar under his belt, Erick has recently switched gears, from bartender to educator. Working with Romar Trading, which





represents, distributes, and sells premium liquors and spirits in addition to an extensive wine portfolio, Erick is spreading his breadth of cocktail information with students ranging from brand-new beginner bartenders to would-be molecular mixologists, and teaches each and every class “con mucho amor.” Romar Trading, in conjunction with Diageo, the leading premium spirits business in the world, introduced this project almost ten months ago with the intention of passing on the knowledge of the spirits they offer and the proper way to use them. If a bar is looking to expand its liquor offerings or enhance its cocktail menu, Erick is happy to lend his understanding of cocktails. Recently he developed a new cocktail menu for Texas de Brazil, located in Palm Beach, and the *Island Temptations* team was fortunate to catch him in action. With a focus on all cocktails having a basic foundation of sweet, sour, bitter, and of course, the spirit itself, Erick served up a prime example of a well-balanced drink with a refreshing twist. Using the centuries-old Ketel One Vodka from Holland as his base spirit, he turned the classic Brazilian Caipirinha into a Caprioska. Eager to try one? Never fear: Erick

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been tracked down and brought to Hollywood by AJ and some very helpful friends over at Pepia Est Aruba, an importing and distributing wholesaler importing premium liquors and fine wines. The Sazerac, which is widely regarded as the oldest-known American cocktail with its origins in pre-Civil War New Orleans, makes an appearance on the Hollywood menu, along with the Southeast Asian classic, the Singapore Sling, which was invented long before the usual bar suspects: bright red cherries, sour mix, and modern-day red grenadine.

Not only are these original recipes coming back to Hollywood; AJ is also adding a nice selection of craft cocktails to the mix. What exactly is a craft cocktail? Does it have to be created with homemade infusions? Must it be served in creative glassware? It appears as though I was drastically overthinking it. According to AJ, a craft cocktail is simply one that has been constructed with time and thoughtfulness

and is hopefully one you won't soon forget. Hollywood's signature cocktail is one such beverage. The “Bourbonwood” is bourbon-based blackberry lemonade that is perfectly refreshing and rich at the same time. Curious as to how he accomplished that? Stop in and ask him—AJ has an unquenchable desire to share his love and knowledge of his profession with his guests. You will leave Hollywood not only with the memorable taste of a well-thought-out cocktail on your tongue, but also with a little more knowledge and a little more appreciation of bartending and all that it can offer us.

How fitting that a country that reminds us to slow down and enjoy island time would offer up these bartenders who are taking the time to research, understand, and hone their skills to offer us (guests and students alike!) a taste of a forgotten craft that is hopefully the wave of the future for bartending. 



AJ Tromp crafts the classic whiskey sour

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Tree to Sea

By most standards, Yair Lichtenstein has the perfect set-up: owner of a successful local surf shop by day, boatbuilder by night. Yair made his acquaintance with building when he began making driftwood furniture in Aruba—mostly rough lamps and couches. He then progressed to finer work—making wooden surfboards for himself and friends. But Yair really found his stride when building his first wooden boat, a small 12-foot dingy, which he named Hobo.



Like other boatbuilders, Yair finds working with his hands to be very enjoyable and satisfying, but it's more than just that. He explains, "Building a boat is not one big project; it's a collection of 1,000 tiny projects, and each one poses a problem to be solved." It's this problem-solving aspect of boatbuilding that is especially rewarding for him and keeps him coming back for more.

To hone his skills, Yair has attended Wooden Boat School in Maine every summer since 2008. He loves it so much, it's like his home away from home. He describes the experience as summer camp for adults. "All day you're either in the wood shop or on the water sailing. You're among people who have the same interests as you, and you have access to the knowledge of the best boatbuilding experts in the U.S., if not the world."

Only two months after finishing Hobo, Yair ordered the plan for his next boat, a traditional French daysailer modeled after the workboats of the Brittany region of France. Both longer and roomier than his first boat, the daysailer proved to be a much more challenging build. Yair took three years to complete the vessel, finally launching it in November 2013. It's an absolutely stunning craft, with a beautifully finished hardwood interior. Yair named it Django after his favorite jazz musician, Django Reinhardt.

Taking Django out on the water with his friends has led Yair to a serendipitous discovery—he loves fishing! He already has plans in the making for his next project: a boat purely for fishing. Yair does sometimes consider taking up other building projects, but he always comes back to boats. "Wooden boats are just so beautiful. You know how some guys are really into cars? Well, that's how I feel about boats." 🍷





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While waiting in line, I struck up conversations with those around me—we were, after all, hungry kindred spirits with not much else to do but chat about, what else—food! Through various conversations I learned that Tia Rosa is normally located in Pos Chikito, and the line for food is almost always long. The specialty of the house, er truck, is the patacón sandwich. Philadelphia has its cheesesteak, Chicago heralds its wet Italian beef, Miamians love their Cuban subs, and New Orleans has its po' boy...well, Venezuelans have the patacón Maracucho, known simply as patacón (paht-ah-CONE). The Venezuelan city of Maracaibo is thought to be the birthplace of this sandwich that forgoes bread for plantains that are sliced lengthwise, pressed flat, and fried. In between those yummy crisps is a mountain of ingredients like sliced ham, shredded beef and chicken, lettuce, tomato, avocado, cheese, and a secret sauce.

The end result is one of the messiest, calorie-infused, crazy-delicious sandwiches I have ever had! You can get your patacón made with either sweet yellow plantains or the more savory unripe

green plantains. Because I love opposing flavors in my mouth, I opted for the sweet variety to pair with salty ham, queso blanco (a mild white cheese), and avocado. The sandwich is wrapped tightly in basic white sandwich paper, and it's recommended to keep it wrapped and peel back the paper as you work your way down the sandwich—it keeps the ingredients inside the sandwich and keeps the sauce from running down your shirt!

Two years later, Tia Rosa is now at the top of my “cheat” list. It's reserved for special occasions when I just want a break from a low-carb lifestyle with a little culinary debauchery. The truck has been going strong for more than 13 years; Tia Rosa herself runs the truck during the day from 6 am to 1 pm, while her daughter, Alexandra Margarita, takes over the evening shift from 6:30 pm to midnight. 🍴

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Gold Coast introduces stylish condominium living



The last phase of development of the highly successful Gold Coast residential community includes stylish additional condo units, which have just been finalized. The units, 36 in total, with two- and three-bedroom options, are located in the Mangroves V6 section, on the south side of the residential community.

The spacious one-story condos are tastefully appointed and equipped with the latest energy-saving, state-of-the-art appliances. The property offers more than 50 parking spaces at your doorstep. The pairing of beautiful landscaping with ample parking creates a highly functional yet truly enjoyable recreational living environment.

Boca Druif Condo

The two-bedroom Boca Druif Condos are available on both the ground and upper floor. Each upper-floor condo features two balconies and a private rooftop terrace overlooking the beautiful outdoors. Enjoy the private rooftop terrace designed to comfortably entertain guests or just relax.



Boca Grandi Model Condo



Boca Grandi 1
Ground Floor
Area: 129 m² / 1,390 sq ft
Price: USD 399,000



Boca Grandi 2
Upper Floor
Area: 109 m² / 1,169 sq ft
Balcony Area: 6 m² / 65 sq ft
Price: USD 405,000

Boca Druif Model Condo



Boca Druif 1
Ground Floor
Area: 115 m² / 1,242 sq ft
Price: USD 349,000



Boca Druif 2
Upper Floor
Area: 113 m² / 1,210 sq ft
Balcony Area: 8 m² / 86 sq ft
Price: USD 355,000

Total Space: 115 square meters

Bedrooms: 2

Bathrooms: 2

Type: Condominium

Extra: Balconies and private rooftop terrace

Boca Grandi Condo

The three-bedroom Boca Grandi Condo, just as beautiful as its two-bedroom Boca Druif sister, is perfect for those seeking a more spacious footprint.

The three-bedroom Boca Grandi Condos are available on both the ground and upper floor. Each ground-floor condo enjoys a spacious patio, while each upper-floor condo features two balconies and a private rooftop terrace overlooking the beautiful outdoors. Enjoy the private rooftop terrace designed to comfortably entertain guests or just relax.

Total Space: 129 square meters

Bedrooms: 3

Bathrooms: 2

Type: Condominium

Extra: Balconies and private rooftop terrace



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“Easify” your life with **Rent a Chef**

Chef Bas Kuurstra recently launched an exciting culinary endeavor. The Rent a Chef service offers gourmet personalized food, cooked to your taste and prepared in your home on Aruba (timeshare and condominium guests take note—you have a kitchen!). As a personal chef, Bas prepares a delicious meal so you can spend less money and eat healthier than when dining out or buying take-out meals. No shopping, chopping, preparing, or even cleaning—the chef does it all!

The Island Temptations crew experienced Rent a Chef firsthand after a long day of photo shoots. The four-course meal started off with an appetizer of lightly seared tuna loin, pickled mango, avocado, potato fries, micro herbs, soy syrup, and spicy papaya mayo. Next, the crew enjoyed a salad of roasted portobello mushrooms with garlic and herbs, baby spinach, roasted bell peppers, pine nuts, goat cheese, red onions, and balsamic dressing. The main course was oven-roasted Angus beef tenderloin sliced thin over garlic mousseline, green asparagus, and truffle sauce, followed by dessert—roasted, marinated, and frothed pineapple served with surprising flavor combinations.

Contact Chef Bas Kuurstra by phone (592-8268), by email (basgoesaruba@hotmail.com), or on Facebook under Rent A Chef Aruba.

To make your meal extra special, Chef Bas works with wine sommelier Raymond Kock from Pepia Est to pair wines with the various courses throughout your dining experience.



NEW ARRIVALS



Halle Berry
continues
partnership with
Michael Kors
in fight against
world hunger

Michael Kors recently announced that Academy Award-winning actress Halle Berry has again committed to joining the Watch Hunger Stop campaign to help build a world with zero hunger. As an honorary partner of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), Berry will work with Kors to raise awareness as well as funds for WFP.

This fall, she will lend her time and her face to promote the latest addition to the 100 Series—a limited-edition, rose gold-tone watch with a detailed map of the world etched

on a striking gray-blue dial. “I’m delighted to continue working with Michael Kors and the UN World Food Programme in this effort to achieve a world without hunger,” says Berry. “Since we first launched the 100 Series watch last spring, we’ve helped WFP deliver more than five million meals to children in need. I’m proud of what we’ve done together and eager to continue this effort to make a difference in the lives of people in need.”

For every 100 Series watch sold, Michael Kors will donate US \$25 to WFP. (Please note that WFP does not endorse any products or services.)



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Loretti Design offers unique, handcrafted jewelry

Dutch local Deborah de Weerd has launched a beautiful jewelry line that was officially certified as “Made in Aruba Artesania.” The pieces of the Loretti Royal Collection, worn by Aruba’s favorite fashionista—Queen Maxima of the Netherlands—feature sculpted Murano glass in an array of brilliant colors threaded on leather strands or fabric ropes, finished with silver hook clasps.

Deborah’s collections can be viewed on Facebook under Loretti Design. The Loretti Studio in Aruba is located at Paradera Park Apartments (582-3289).



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Omakase

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“Omakase,” a Japanese phrase that means “I’ll leave it to you,” is often used at sushi restaurants to leave the selection to the chef. This style of ordering is the inspiration behind the new Omakase Sushi Bar, located inside the French Steak House Restaurant at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa.

When ordering omakase, expect Omakase’s chef to be innovative and surprising in the selection of dishes. The chef will present a series of plates, beginning with the lightest and proceeding to heavier, richer dishes. Ordering from the menu is available as well.

Omakase, which features an illuminated bar with comfortable seating and a boutique feel and ambiance, is open from Tuesday through Saturday from 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm for dinner. The sushi bar has limited capacity and reservations are required. For more information, email omakase@manchebo.com or call +297-582-3444.



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Hooters is now open and just a HOOT away!

Delightfully tacky, yet unrefined...Hooters is back in Aruba serving the best of its nearly world-famous chicken wings, clams, shrimps, oysters, burgers, and more.

Late this summer, the opening at South Beach Centre in Palm Beach was marked with a festive event where the local community came to show support. Jim Parish, the COO of Hooters of America, was on hand to oversee the opening of the newest Hooters, which features an updated, chic sports bar ambiance that stays true to the company's unchanging concept of combining music, sports, great food, fun, and, of course, the famous Hooters girls.





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Pepia Est imports products for an enhanced bar experience

Local premium beverage importer and distributor Pepia Est is continually adding to its repertoire, providing restaurant and bar owners the ingredients and tools to enhance their beverage menus.

Serious bartenders and master mixologists insist on bitters to enhance their creations, and now Pepia offers a collection of Fee Brothers Bitters to craft original, well-balanced cocktails.

Another notable addition to the Pepia line is moonshine...yes, authentic moonshine right here in Aruba! Ole Smoky's Original Moonshine is an unaged corn whiskey made by local farmers in East Tennessee using a century-old recipe that yields a distinct character and bold flavor. Check out a modern application of this moonshine at Hollywood Smokehouse, where beverage manager AJ Tromp has created the Apple Moon Pie, made with Ole Smoky's Apple Pie Moonshine, Ron Barcelo's Gran Anejo Aged Rum, Fee Brother's Aztec Chocolate Bitters, coffee, and vanilla gelato.



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See Quality Tours Aruba offers a local perspective

Recently, local Ricardo de Vries started a private tour company on the island. His tours are geared toward those wishing for a more private, local experience while touring the island. See Quality Tours Aruba is an Aruban company with tour guides who appreciate and love the unusual desert landscape of Aruba and the beauty of their island. All tour guides are friendly and professional, and are fluent in English, Spanish, and Dutch. For more information go to seequalitytoursaruba.com or call (297) 594-0046.



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On the following pages, a selection of our favorite restaurants & menus

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Start your meal off with...

QUESO FUNDIDO CON CHORIZO

Melted cheese, crumbled chorizo, flour tortillas

BORRACHO SHRIMP SALAD

Avocado filled with shrimp, chipotle cocktail sauce with tequila

EMPANADAS DE CARNE

Corn pastries filled with marinated beef, black beans and salsa roja

CEVICHE

Colima Ceviche, Ceviche de Camarones al Tamarindo, Alcachofas y Zetas Ceviche

Main Attractions

CASUELA A LA VERACRUZANA

Red snapper fillet in banana leaves braised Veracruz style with tomato, capers, olives, bell peppers and herbs

MOLE DE OLLA

Traditional beef stew with seasonal vegetables and epazote

CHICKEN ENCHILADAS

Rolled tortillas with shredded chicken, queso blanco, red sauce, sour cream and charro beans

FAJITAS CHICKEN, CARNE OR VEGETABLE

Poblano Chili, cilantro, onion, peppers and pico de gallo

GRILLED MAHI-MAHI

Chipotle mayonnaise, avocado, cabbage on corn tortillas

Desserts

PASTEL TRES LECHES

Sponge cake soaked with sweetened milk

CHURROS

Mexican cruller with chocolate sauce

and much more...

All prices are in U.S. dollars. A 15% service charge + 1.5% local tax will be added to your bill. Prices and menu items are subject to change without notice

Dining Information

HOURS

Dinner daily except Mondays, 6pm-10:30pm

RESERVATIONS

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Start your meal off with...

First Steps

BEEF PINCHOS WITH CHIMICHURI

GRILLED PRAWNS

Roasted Cashew, Mango Cilantro Coulis

PERUVIAN CEVICHE

Served with Patacon

Second Step

MIXED GREENS

Cucumber, Avocado, Hearts of Palm, Tomato, Balsamic Vinaigrette

ARUBAN FISH CHOWDER WITH CRISP ONIONS

CAESAR SALAD WITH BACON

Parmesan and Ciabata Croutons

Entrees

BLACKENED MAHI MAHI

Garlic Cassava Oil, and Madame Jeanette Papaya

SEARED GROUPER

Stir-Fry Rice Pasta, Vegetables with Tamari Sauce

GRILLED NEW YORK STEAK

Caribbean Mashed Potato, Stir-Fry Okra and Peppercorn Sauce

SEAFOOD PEPPER POT

Shrimps, Scallops, Green Mussels, Baby Clams with Aruban Funchi

Desserts

CARIBBEAN PASSION FRUIT CRÈME BRÛLÉE

COCONUT MOUSSE CAKE WITH VANILLA SAUCE

DECADENT CHOCOLATE CAKE WITH BERRY COMPOTE

and much more...

All prices are in U.S. dollars. 15 % service charge plus 1.5% local tax will be added to each check. Prices and menu items are subject to change without notice.

\$72.00
Per Person

Dining Information

HOURS

Daily 6:30p.m. to 10:00pm, nightly except Tuesday

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PALMS RESTAURANT

RUINAS DEL MAR



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Palms



Feel the warmth at our premier beach front location. Palms offers both the sights and tastes of the Caribbean. Drawing upon local cuisine and regional ingredients, the menu allows guests to linger long into the night over a variety of delicious dishes. Indoor and outdoor seating, as well as adjacent lounge for before and after cocktails.

Start your meal off with...

TRADITIONAL COBB SALAD

Grilled chicken, smoked bacon, egg, avocado, blue cheese, tomatoes, tossed with lemon-Dijon dressing

MAPLE-LIME MARINATED SALMON SALAD

Sustainable salmon, spinach, frisee, radish, green beans, egg, mustard dressing

BLACKENED FISH TACO

Local grouper, guacamole, shredded cabbage, pico de gallo, Texas beans

Main Attractions

MEYER NATURAL ANGUS BURGER

Aged white cheddar, horseradish sauce, onion jam on a brioche bun

GRILLED WAHOO

Local catch grilled with Aruban Creole sauce, island rice

ROASTED SALMON

Sustainable salmon, with green vegetables and balsamic vinaigrette

MUSHROOM RISOTTO

Aruban cultivated mushrooms and spinach, parmesan cheese

WHOLE WHEAT LINGUINE

Shrimp, asparagus, fresh parsley, and roasted garlic oil

Desserts

TIRAMISU

With Coffee Cream Kahlua Liqueur

LAVA CAKE

Dutch Chocolate Lava Cake vanilla Ice Cream and Ganache sauce

CHEESE CAKE DUO

Cheese Cake and Brownies with Berry Compote, Chantilly and fresh berries

and much more...

All prices are in U.S. dollars. 15% service charge plus 1.5% local tax will be added to each check. Prices and menu items are subject to change without notice.

Dining Information

HOURS: Open for lunch daily, 11:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Open for Sunday breakfast, 7:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Open for dinner daily except Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Late night menu 11:00 p.m. – 12 midnight

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RUINAS ^{del} MAR



Ruins by the Sea, is Hyatt Regency Aruba's signature restaurant offering contemporary cuisine in an open air environment. Guests are invited to enjoy menu items such as fresh seafood and steaks, hearth oven specialties, and a display of multiple food stations offering breakfast, Sunday Brunch, and special events. The design of Ruinas del Mal pays homage to several original Aruban architectural elements including caliche stone and the use of water in design

Start your meal off with...

CLASSIC CAESAR SALAD

White Anchovy, Parmesan, Herb Focaccia Croutons

DUTCH ONION SOUP

Spek, Sweet Onions, Gouda Gratinée

CLASSIC SHRIMP COCKTAIL

American & European Cocktail Sauce, Fresh Citrus

Main Attractions

HEARTH ROASTED BREAST OF CHICKEN

Classic Mirepoix, Baby Criollo Potatoes, French Beans Almandine, Herb Chicken Jus

KANSAS RIB EYE STEAK

Creamed spinach & porcini mushroom, fresh cut fried potatoes, demi-glace

SAUTÉED GROUPEL FILLET IN BROWN BUTTER

Roasted Almonds, French Beans, Roasted Potato Hash, Brown Sugar Rum Zezebel

CIGAR BOX CEDAR SALMON FILLET

French Beans, Baby Criollo Potatoes, Roasted Tomato, Lemon Thyme Confit

6 OZ. GRILLED FILET & HALF SPLIT CARIBBEAN LOBSTER TAIL

Gouda Whipped Potato, Peruvian Asparagus

Desserts

BOURBON SAUCE FLOAT

A combination of red velvet cake and cheese cake topped with cream cheese frosting

GLUTEN FREE CHOCOLATE CAKE

Enjoy a sweet finish to your meal with flourless chocolate heaven reaching deep into the gluten free goddess. Perfectly paired with vanilla ice-cream

APPLE CRUMBLE

Fresh green apples sautéed with cinnamon, drizzled with crunchy sugar dough and garnished with Dutch stroop wafels

and much more...

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Dining Information

HOURS

Open for breakfast daily except Sundays, 7:00 – 12noon.

Open for dinner daily except Sunday, 6:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

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Menu Temptations

IKE'S BISTRO



Enjoy a modern twist on Mediterranean cuisine, Caribbean style, with Aruba's most talented, young chef Ever De Pena, paying homage to the late resort founder, award winning hotelier Ike Cohen. With seating on the garden terrace or around the tropical pool, the restaurant overlooks the beach and the Caribbean ocean. Ike's Bistro experience is enchanting and all menu items are extremely enticing. Undecided guests may opt for the tasting menu of 4 or 5 smaller portions of the chef's seasonal specialties.

Start your meal off with...

CAPRESE AND PESTO

Buffalo mozzarella, cherry tomato, sweet tomato basil relish and home-made pesto espuma

CRAB CAKE

Lump crab cake, fresh made aioli, mixed greens, kalamata olives, feta cheese and cherry tomatoes

GREEN GAZPACHO

Cucumber & honeydew melon gazpacho, basil, organic sea salt, olive oil and herb croutons

SCALLOPS AND COCONUT FOAM

Pan-fried herb crusted scallops, avocado puree, red pepper cilantro salsa and coconut foam

Main Attractions

SHRIMP A LA BRAVA

Slightly spicy shrimp, boiled potatoes, fresh basil, creamy spicy sauce, grilled pita bread

SEA BASS

Pan seared sea bass with sautéed spinach, quinoa salad and yoghurt pomegranate salsa

LAMB

Crusted lamb chops, couscous, mint, green beans, corn and creamy pesto sauce

LAND & SEA

Grilled filet of beef & sautéed shrimp with garlic mashed potato, creamy spinach and lobster sauce

Desserts

ORANGE CATALANA

Vanilla custard flavored with orange zest topped with a thin crisp caramel layer

PASSION FRUIT PARFAIT AND BERRIES

Passion fruit parfait, wild berries, lime sauce and coconut ice cream

and much more...

All prices are in U.S. Dollars. A 15% service charge will be added to your check.

Dining Information

HOURS

Dinner: 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

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TEXAS DE BRAZIL



Texas de Brazil is an authentic Brazilian-American style steakhouse, the ultimate in continuous dining concepts. Diners are tempted by an extravagant 40-item seasonal salad area



of roasted vegetables, imported cheeses and home-made soups. Hailed for its "flawless meats" by the Dallas Morning News, carvers will then swarm your table with choice cuts of sizzling beef, pork, lamb, sausage and chicken; all flamegrilled to perfection and served tableside on large sword-like skewers. Signature Brazilian cocktails, rare wines, exquisite desserts, and hand-rolled Cuban cigars make for the most incredible dining experience that is uniquely Texas de Brazil.

Start your meal off with...

SALAD BAR

The exceptional salad bar consists of the freshest salads, home-made dressings, buffalo mozzarella, zucchini, potato salad, crab salad, daily cold pasta, black beans with pork, baby corn, cucumbers, portabella mushrooms, sweet bell peppers, green beans, broccoli, olives, hearts of palm, sushi, ceviche, salami, tomatoes, smoked bacon, brown rice, imported cheeses, daily house soups and more.

Main Attractions

MEATS

Filet mignon, filet mignon wrapped in bacon, top sirloin, leg of lamb, Brazilian sausage, Parmesan pork, chicken breast wrapped in bacon, Brazilian picanha, garlic picanha (our house specialty), flank steak, crispy chicken drum sticks, pork loin, pork ribs and beef ribs.

SIDE ITEMS

Garlic mashed potatoes, fried sweet bananas, Brazilian cheese bread and house specialty meat sauces.

Desserts

Selection of desserts ranging from delicious cakes to papaya cream, our house specialty!

and much more...

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Dining Information

HOURS

Dinner from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. nightly Monday to Saturday
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Start your meal off with...

COCONUT CURRY MUSSELS \$15.00
Steamed with fresh cilantro, light curry coconut milk.....

ICED SHRIMP COCKTAIL \$9.50
Lime cocktail sauce.....

THE WEDGE \$7.00
Wedge of iceberg, crisp bacon, diced tomatoes, blue cheese crumbles, creamy blue cheese dressing.....

Main Attractions

SEARED SCALLOPS \$23.00
Served over a cherry tomato, asparagus risotto.....

CRISPY COCONUT CURRY GROUPER \$22.00
Crispy fried grouper over a bed of jasmine rice, plantain, stir fried vegetables, finished with a mild coconut curry sauce.....

CARIBBEAN LOBSTER Market Price
Broiled served with a sweet potato mash, market vegetables, drawn butter and lemon.....

STEAK FRITES \$28.50
Grilled skirt steak, plantain and chimichurri sauce.....

FILET MIGNON \$38.00
USDA beef tenderloin, pan seared, blue cheese BBQ sauce.....

OSSO BUCO \$32.00
Bone-In Veal shank, vegetable stew, served over a squash risotto.....

Dessert

CRÈME BRULE \$9.50
Kaffir lime-scented Catalonian crème brulee.....

MINI DESSERT TRIO \$11.00
Our delicious desserts- miniaturized! Crème brulee, warm chocolate bread pudding, and mango cheese cake.....

and much more...

Prices and menu items are subject to change without notice.

Dining Information

HOURS
Breakfast: 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. daily
Dinner: from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
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RESERVATIONS
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THE HOLLYWOOD SMOKEHOUSE



The Hollywood Smokehouse is Aruba's only authentic smokehouse. Family owned and operated, this upscale barbecue joint combines southern cuisine with warm, island hospitality. Meats are smoked low and slow over hickory and applewood, and served with homemade sauces and side dishes from family recipes. The signature blackberry bourbon lemonade is one of many original crafted cocktails to enjoy with the award-winning barbecue.

Sandwiches

PULLED PORK (6 OZ. AND 8OZ.)	\$9/\$11
BEEF BRISKET (6 OZ. AND 8 OZ.)	\$10/\$12
½ POUND SMOKED TENDERLOIN BURGER	\$12
½ POUND SMOKED BONELESS BREAST	\$11

Platters (served with 2 sides)

PULLED PORK (8 OZ.)	\$14
BEEF BRISKET (8 OZ.)	\$16
SMOKED GROUPER	\$17
½ POUND CHICKEN BREAST	\$14
FULL SLAB BABY BACK RIBS	\$24
½ SLAB BABY BACK RIBS	\$15

Taco Wraps (award winning!)

KOREAN PORK W/ ASIAN SLAW	\$11
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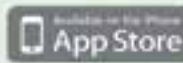
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